

A Norwegian Social Partner Experience NQF – EQF

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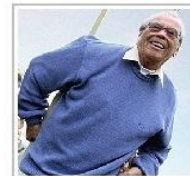


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The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO) is Norway's largest and most influential workers' organization. About 870,000 workers are affiliated to the national unions which in turn are affiliated to LO.

LO holds a strong position in society and has set its stamp on society's development for more than 100 years.



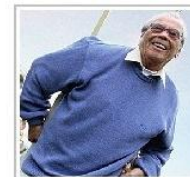
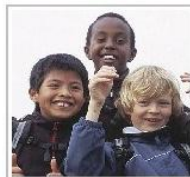
June 2008: Norwegian decision to implement EQF

March 2009: EQF recommendation part of the EEA Agreement

June 2009: “White Paper nr. 44” announces a NQR

2011: NKR for lifelong learning

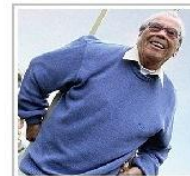
2012: Referencing NKR to EQF



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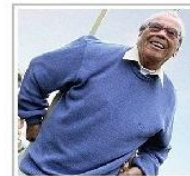
- No initial broad political discussion about purpose and national aims
- No previous experience in constructing NQR



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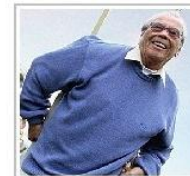
- Public hearings have facilitated communication between stakeholders



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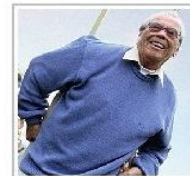
The EQF recommendation mentions the necessity *to involve all stakeholders* in the EQF process as a key success factor by meeting the needs of stakeholders, in order to raise their interest in the process :

- What kind of needs do we have?



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- How to ensure that the EQF becomes a labour market instrument, and not just only a statistical tool ?
- How to develop a real « co-ownership » of the system by the professional world ?



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- How can NQFs contribute to improve coordination and cooperation between stakeholders, institutions - in the formal education and training sector and those outside the formal system?

